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Laru language

Laru (Laro, also Shen or Sengwe[4]) is a minor Kainji language of Nigeria. It has one dialect: Cuba (Shuba). Speakers are shifting to Busa.

Laru	
Shen	
Native to	Nigeria
Region	Niger State
Native speakers	(6,000 cited 1995–2014)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Benue–Congo ▪ Kainji ▪ Kainji Lake? ▪ **Laru**
Dialects	Laru (Shen) Cuba (Shuba)
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `lan` – Laru `cbq` – Cuba
Glottolog	`laru1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/laru1238)` Laru/Shen[2] `cuba1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/cuba1236)` Cuba/Shuba[3]

Laru	
Person	Shen
Language	Shen gwe

Dialects

There are three dialects of Shen, spoken in the following villages.[5]

- Kárábàndéi and Sànsání
- Sà꞉gúnú4, Sʷàʃí, Lúm꞉à, and Barkatai
- Mɔ̀n꞉áĩ, Sáŋkʷà, and Màlá꞉lé

The major villages, ordered from largest to smallest, are Sà꞉gúnú, Kárábàndéi, Sʷàʃí, Lúm꞉à, and Mɔ̀n꞉áĩ. There are fewer than 4,000 speakers.

Ethnologue (22nd ed.) lists Laru villages as Karabonde, Leshigbe, Luma, Monnai, Sansanni, and Shagunu.

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